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First Night
PLIP
PLIP
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FIRST NIGHT

A VAMPIRE?
HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 1993...
TOK TOK TOK
THE PAPERS CAN CALL THEM "MYSTERIOUS KILLINGS DUE TO BLOOD LOSS"...
...BUT THERE WAS PRACTICALLY *NO BLOOD AT ALL* AT THE CRIME SCENES!
IT HAS TO BE A VAMPIRE, MISTER SAI!
DON'T BE AN IDIOT!
IT HAS TO BE!

BUT THIS IS THE *THIRD* KILLING THIS WEEK!
ALL OF THE BODIES WERE FOUND TOTALLY DRIED UP AND DRAINED OF BLOOD...
YOU CALL YOURSELF AN *INFORMER?!* YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT.
I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL DEALING WITH HUMAN CRIMINALS.
THIS ISN'T A GODDAMN MOVIE.
VAMPIRES DON'T EXIST!
...IN FRONT OF KOWLOON WALLED CITY, WHICH IS DESERTED AND SLATED FOR DEMOLITION.
...THERE'S SOMETHING VERY *WEIRD* GOING ON!
NO MATTER HOW YOU SLICE IT...

YEAH, BUT WHAT IF IT REALLY IS A VAMPIRE?
YOU'LL BE *DEAD MEAT!*
DOESN'T THAT SCARE YOU, MISTER SAI?
...I'LL NAIL THE PERP...
...PERIOD.
ABNORMAL OR NOT...
YOU CAN'T BE A COP IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF *MURDERERS.*
I DON'T CARE WHAT THEIR REASON IS...
...THE KIND OF SCUM THAT'S CAPABLE OF KILLING--
...SHOULDN'T YOU BE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR OWN ASS, *DO LEONG?*
SPEAK-ING OF WHICH...
...

I TOLD YOU TO CALL ME TONY! TONY LIN!
OH, COME ON! IT'S YOUR REAL NAME, ISN'T IT?
BESIDES, MINE'S NISHI, NOT SAI! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?!
YOU KNOW, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU WASHED YOUR HANDS OF THIS BUSINESS, ANYWAY.
I HEAR NOTHING BUT BAD STUFF ABOUT THE SKETCHY CROWD YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING WITH.
...
WELL, I GOTTA MAKE A LIVING, DON'T I?
NEXT TIME YOU GET HAULED IN, I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR ASS!
Hmph!
YEAH, YEAH! I KNOW!
JUST BE CAREFUL, OKAY?
FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD ...
SHFF
VAMPIRES ?!

BROTHER
...

I'M GOING TO BE A MILITARY CHAPLAIN.
SO... THEY'RE SHIPPING ME OUT TO THE GULF.
...IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME...EVEN IF I DIE...
...YOU'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO ACCEPT IT.

WHAPP
IT'S ALWAYS GRUDGE...
IT'S ALWAYS *PEOPLE* WHO KILL *OTHER PEOPLE*.
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
VAM-PIRES ...
...AFTER GRUDGE, ISN'T IT?

WHAT IS IT?
THAT SOUND...
SO PEACEFUL... IT DOESN'T FIT WITH THIS NOISY CITY.
IT KIND OF SOUNDS LONESOME...

HWSH
BEEP BEEP
BEEP
AAH!
BIP
SAI?
IT'S ME.
THAT FACE!

VNNNN
HUH?
NO--THE SUPER-INTENDENT WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU.
REPORT BACK IMMEDI-ATELY. GOT THAT?
KTIK
CHIEF?
WHERE ARE YOU? I NEED YOU TO COME INTO THE STATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
IS THERE A NEW LEAD ON MY CASE?
...
THE PLAY-ER'S GONE!

KTOK
KTOK
WHAT THE HELL...
...IS GOING ON?
NOW...
...IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...

WHO'S THAT?
NOK
IT'S NISHI.
EXCUSE ME.
KTCH KREE
AH, SAI-KUN!
EXCUSE ME FOR CALLING YOU IN SO SUDDENLY.
THAT'S FINE.
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY DO YOU BOTH WANT TO SEE ME?
IT'S ABOUT ONE OF YOUR CASES.
THE ONE WITH THE MYSTERIOUS BLOOD-LOSS KILLINGS.
WE'RE TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION.

A SPECIALIZED INTERNATIONAL OPERATION WILL BE HANDLING ALL ASPECTS OF THE CASE FROM NOW ON.
WHAT?!
SINCE IT'S YOUR CASE, I'D LIKE YOU TO TELL THE REST OF THE OFFICERS.
BUT... SIR!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING! WE'VE BEEN WORKING OUR ASSES OFF ON THIS ONE...
SAI!
WE'RE BUSY ENOUGH WITH HONG KONG'S SOVER-EIGNTY TRANSFER COMING UP.
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE ANY MORE MANPOWER.
I ORDER YOU...
...TO DROP THE INVESTIGA-TION!
BUT SIR!
STOP. YOU'RE WASTING YOUR BREATH, SAI.
IT'S A DONE DEAL.

WHEN THIS TERRITORY IS RETURNED TO MAINLAND CHINA'S RULE, WE'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT OF *RESOURCES.*
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STOP ROCKING THE BOAT...
...IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!
TOO BAD.
THAT'S NOT MY STRONG SUIT!
WHSHH
HEY!
SAI!
A FEW MINUTES AGO...
...A DELEGATE FROM THE *OTHER PARTY* LEFT WITH THE CASE FILE.
THAT'S WHO THAT WAS!

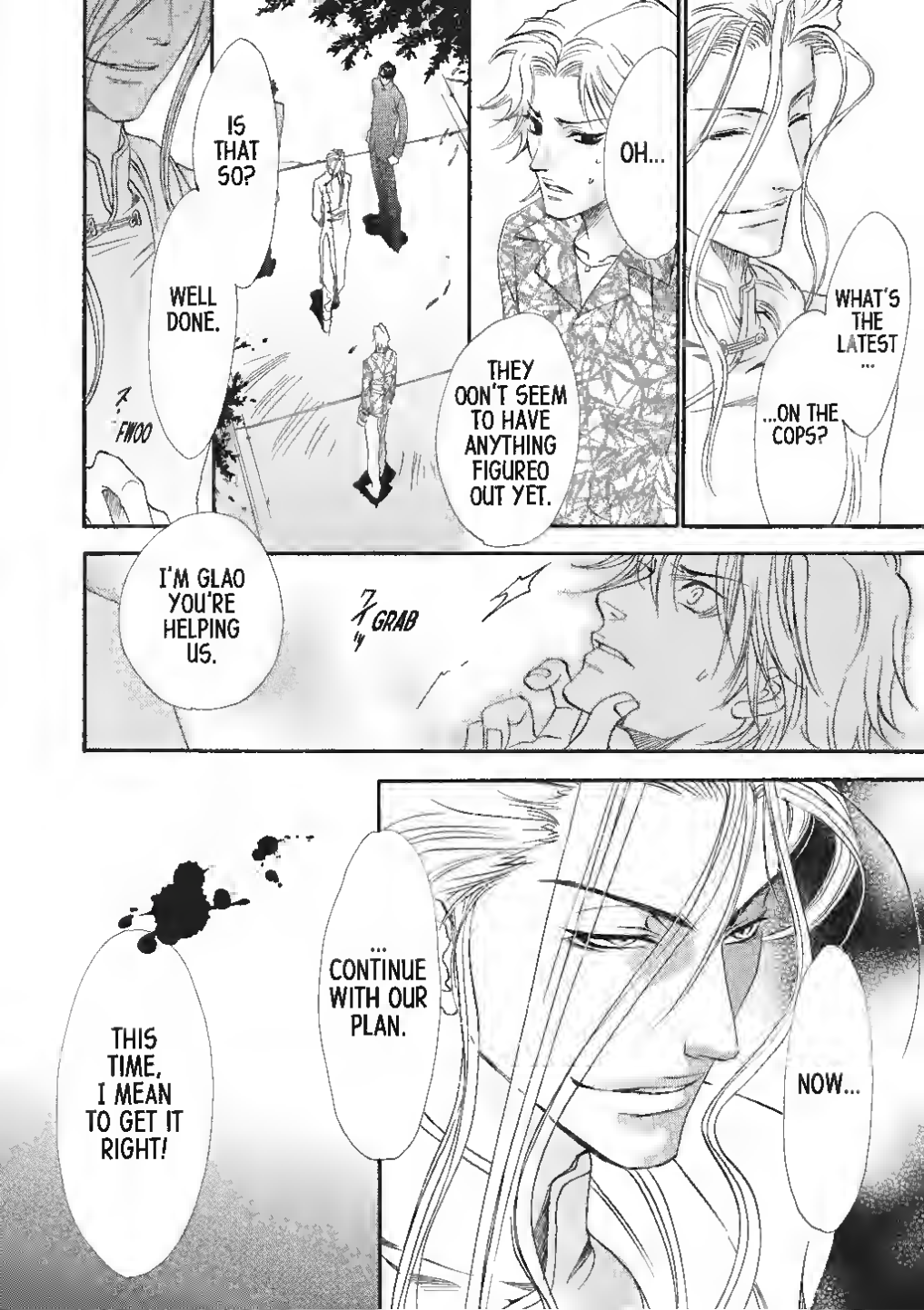
YOU WEREN'T HARD TO BUY OFF, WERE YOU?!
GREEDY OLD PIG!
GRRR
FWSSH
KREEE
MAY I HELP YOU?
HEY, YOU!
THERE!!

YOU'RE A DELEGATE FROM THOSE WHO ARE TAKING OVER THE BLOOD-LOSS MURDER CASES, RIGHT?
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT IF YOU'RE IN SOME KIND OF INTER-NATIONAL OPERATION...
...YOU COULD AT LEAST RUN IT BY A GUY BEFORE STEALING HIS CASE OUT FROM UNDER HIS NOSE!
OUR ORGANIZATION HAS ASSUMED FULL JURISDICTION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS INVESTIGATION.
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF, MR. SAI.
MY NAME IS ISAAC.
IT NO LONGER CONCERNS YOU.
...!
AH... YES.
YOU MUST BE THE OFFICER WHO WAS HANDLING THE CASE. THE SUPERINTENDENT MENTIONED YOU.

DOESN'T *CONCERN* US?! PEOPLE ARE GETTING KILLED IN OUR DISTRICT!
HOW CAN THAT NOT CONCERN US?
I'M AFRAID THIS MATTER IS WAY OVER YOUR HEAD.
YOUR INVESTIGATION HASN'T MADE ANY PROGRESS AT ALL, HAS IT?
...!
YOU EXPECT US TO JUST TWIDDLE OUR THUMBS AND PRETEND NOTHING'S HAPPENING ?!
THIS *NO LONGER CONCERNS* YOU.
THAT'S IF...YOU DON'T WISH TO DIE.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS IN THIS WORLD YOU'RE BETTER OFF NOT KNOWING ABOUT.
THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING.
SLAM
VRUMM
...

KREEE
...
PEER キョロ...
KTOK
STARTLE
WHY, HELLO ...
...LITTLE BRO!


WHAT'S THE LATEST ...
...ON THE COPS?
OH...
THEY DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANYTHING FIGURED OUT YET.
IS THAT SO?
WELL DONE.
FWOO
I'M GLAD YOU'RE HELPING US.
GRAB
NOW...
...CONTINUE WITH OUR PLAN.
THIS TIME, I MEAN TO GET IT RIGHT!

KOWLOON
WALLED CITY
HWOO
HWOO
HWOO

YOU EXPECT ME...
...TO GIVE UP THAT EASILY?
SHINE
IF I COULD ONLY FIND A CLUE...
GLIMMER
HNN?

WHAT'S THIS?
RED AS BLOOD...
WHAT THE--?
WKOOM
HWKK
!!

SHIK
BLAM!!
UAAH!!

BLAM
BKAMM
BKAMM
WHA--?
WHAT THE HELL--?!
TOK
CLOP
CLOP
TWITCH
SKREE!
SHAKE
SHAKE

SKREEAAA!
HOOOH

GASP
FWUP
FWUP
GRAAAUGH!
UGH!
UGH!
DASH
!!
WHOOSH

WHAT ON EARTH --?
YOU...
...
THAT THING ...
COLLAPSE

FWUMMP
WHOA!
HEY!!
HUNGRY...
SNUFF
WHAT ON EARTH...
...IS GOING ON HERE?

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YOUR BROTHER'S BODY HAD TEETH MARKS, AS IF ATTACKED BY A WILD ANIMAL...
...TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST, MUCH OF IT REMAINS UNEXPLAINED.
HE AND I GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER ON THE FRONT, AND IT'S A COMFORT TO ME, KNOWING THAT HIS BELONGINGS HAVE SAFELY REACHED HIS FAMILY.
AS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW HE DIED...
...AND HE HAD BEEN DRAINED OF BLOOD.

NOW I'VE BROUGHT THIS GUY BACK TO MY PLACE...
...WITHOUT ANY IDEA OF WHO THE HELL HE IS!

IS HE EVEN HUMAN?
OR...
BAND-AGES?
TSSS
IS HE INJURED HERE?
ANY OTHER WOUNDS?
HMM...

I FOUND IT NEARBY AND BROUGHT IT BACK, JUST IN CASE.
THIS MUST BE HIS CELLO CASE.
WHAT AM I THINKING?
FWSH
HUH!
KCHAK
MAYBE THIS'LL TELL ME SOME-THING...
WHAT?
KREEE
A KATANA?

DON'T TOUCH THAT.
JOLT
...
IS THIS...
...YOURS?
NO.
IT BELONGS TO MY MISTRESS.

HWIK
HEY!
GRAB
JUST A MINUTE!
I WANT TO ASK YOU A THING OR TWO!
GRR!
KCHAK
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
YOU WERE CHASING THAT MONSTER, WEREN'T YOU? WHAT THE HELL WAS IT?
HEY!!
HNF!
WOBBLE
IN ANY CASE ...
...LOOK HOW UNSTEADY YOU ARE. WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

THIS REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING...
YES...
WMMP
YOU'RE NOT GOING BACK TO THAT KOWLOON WALLED CITY, ARE YOU?
IN YOUR STATE?!
WMMP
LUB-DUB
WHAT'S THAT?!
LUB-DUB
HRKK!
GRAB

NNF!
WHAM!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU--
--TO *WAIT!*
LISTEN TO ME!
YOU SAY YOU'RE *HUNGRY*... THEN YOU GO STAGGERING OFF AND ALMOST PASS OUT!!
I CAN FEED YOU, AT LEAST. SO *SIT DOWN* AND CHILL FOR A MINUTE!

THERE.
WHACK
STARE
THIS GUY SLASHED THAT MONSTER TO BITS LIKE IT WAS NO SWEAT.
IN A SENSE, HE MIGHT BE MORE DANGEROUS THAN THAT THING WAS.
...BUT WHAT AM I DOING, ANYWAY?
OKAY... I STOPPED HIM FROM LEAVING ...

WELL, DAMN!
HE'S PRETTY TRUSTING.
I FIGURED HE WOULDN'T TRUST FOOD FROM A STRANGER.
IN ANY CASE...
...HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A BAD GUY...

WHERE IS SHE?
YOU SEEM TO BE ON YOUR OWN...
THAT KATANA.
YOU SAID IT BELONGS TO YOUR MISTRESS ...?
I DON'T KNOW.
KLAK
SHE'S GONE.
I'M LOOKING FOR HER.

IS THAT SO?
HA!
SHE'S SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL TO YOU, HUH?
...

GRAB
SHFF
TREMBLE
HMM?
OH, THIS?
IT BLED FOR A WHILE. BUT I DON'T THINK IT NEEDS STITCHES.
HUH?!

FWOOSH
GRAAH!
WHAT THE--?!
?!!
JOLT
SHLP
WHAT THE HELL?!
WHA-- WHA--

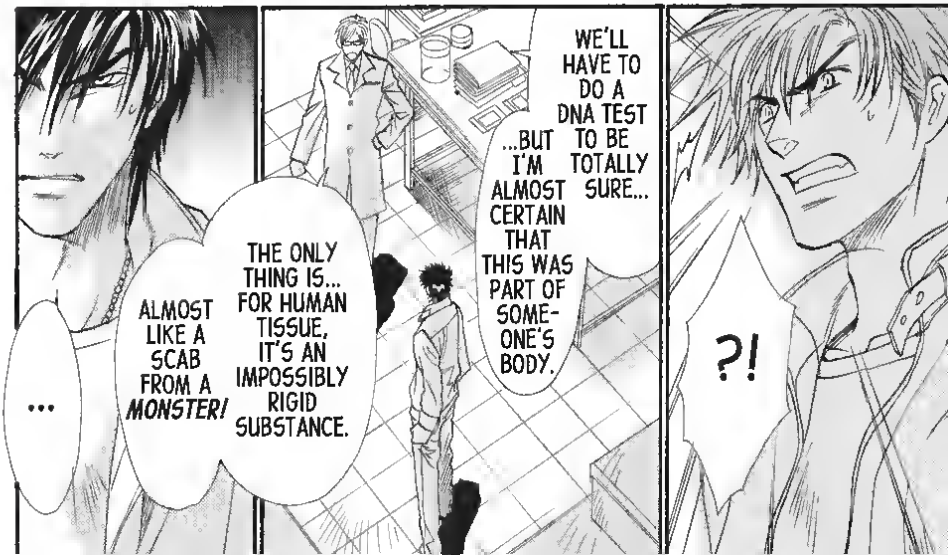
UH...
ER...
SNATCH
YES?!
GASP
BREE
BREE
BEEP
HEY THERE, SWEET STUFF! ♥
I HAVE THE LAB RESULTS YOU ASKED ME FOR!
TSOU?
LATER, BIG BOY!
BIP
YOU'RE OFF TODAY, RIGHT? COME IN AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!
THEY'RE A LITTLE BIT OUT OF THE ORDINARY, ACTUALLY.
OKAY...
...I'M FREAKIN' OUT...

...WAS THAT ABOUT ?!
WHAT THE HELL...
ACTING AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED?
HUH!
THEN--
I WON'T BE LONG, THOUGH.
I HAVE TO STEP OUT.
HEY!
Hnf!
CLENCH
I DON'T GET THIS GUY AT ALL!

REST UP HERE, OKAY?
--WHY DO I CARE SO MUCH, ANYWAY?
FORENSICS LAB
HEYYY THERE, SAI! ♥
WE'VE BEEN SO BUSY LATELY. I'VE MISSED YOU!
SQUEEZE
きゃ♥

DROOP
...
I'VE BEEN TOTALLY BORED EVER SINCE THAT BLOND ISAAC GUY MADE OFF WITH ALL THE WORK!
HEY, SO YOU TOTALLY OWE ME ONE, RIGHT?
YOU'RE THE SAME AS EVER, TSOU.
Way to take the wind outta my sails :(
AND MY NAME'S NISHI, NOT SAI, REMEMBER?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH USING YOUR HONG KONG NAME? YOU'RE HALF-AND-HALF ANYWAY, RIGHT?
What's the big deal?
I'M JAPANESE AT HEART, THAT'S WHY!
SO? THE RESULTS?
WELL... SIMPLY PUT...
...THAT THING YOU FOUND AT THE CRIME SITE...
...IS A SCAB.
HUH?!

IT'S EASY TO SEE IN THE ENLARGE-MENTS...
MORE PRECISELY, IT'S A HARDENED PIECE OF SKIN AND BODILY FLUIDS.
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? IT'S HARD AS A ROCK!
...THAT IT'S IDENTICAL TO HUMAN TISSUE.


...
ALMOST LIKE A SCAB FROM A MONSTER!
THE ONLY THING IS... FOR HUMAN TISSUE, IT'S AN IMPOSSIBLY RIGID SUBSTANCE.
...BUT I'M ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THIS WAS PART OF SOME-ONE'S BODY.
WE'LL HAVE TO DO A DNA TEST TO BE TOTALLY SURE...
?!

...WHAT IF IT REALLY IS A VAMPIRE?
YOU'LL BE *DEAD MEAT!*
A MONSTER?!
DON'T TELL ME..
IT CAME FROM THAT THING ...?!
...
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, *DO LEONG*--
DO LEONG... HE'S THAT SQUEALER YOU WORK WITH?
GLUG
GLUG
YEAH.
HE'S INVOLVED WITH THE *WONG FAMILY*, ISN'T HE? I HEAR THEY'RE INTO SOME PRETTY SHADY BUSINESS.
SNIFF
AREN'T THEY CLAIMING THEY'RE ONTO SOME DRUG THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MAKE USERS IMMORTAL?

BREEEEP
NOTHING.
HOPEFULLY... NOTHING.
BIP
Coffee? ほコヒー
WHAT IS IT?
THE MOB'S REALLY MAKING SOME OUTLANDISH CLAIMS THESE DAYS JUST TO KEEP SALES UP...ESPECIALLY WITH KOWLOON WALLED CITY SLATED FOR DEMOLITION AND ALL.
BREEEEP
BREEEEP

WMMP
SAI
WELL, WELL!
SHOULDN'T YOU ANSWER THAT?
PROBABLY NOBODY IMPOR-TANT...
...MASTER WONG.
LEONG ...?
CREAK

DO YOU HAVE THE GUTS...
...TO DRINK THIS?
JOLT
DRUGS! DRUGS!
KCHANK
THAT'S TOO BAD.
JUST ONE MOUTH-FUL...
...WOULD TAKE YOU TO UNKNOWN HEIGHTS!
SPLOOSH

KSHOK
WKAHH
AAH!
AAH!
OH!
UAAAH!
BIP
DAMN!
STUPID DO LEONG ISN'T PICKING UP!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT STOP TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING ON YOUR OWN.
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S PISSED OFF ABOUT THIS.

I APPRECIATE THE SENTIMENT...
...BUT HOW CAN I EXPLAIN THAT CREATURE TO ANYONE ELSE?
NOT TO MENTION ...
...THAT GUY...
MR. SAI!
YOU HAVEN'T HEEDED MY WARNING.

ISAAC!
YOU SAW SOMETHING, DIDN'T YOU? AT KOWLOON WALLED CITY?
NOW YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH!
THE HELL --?!
YOU WERE THERE, TOO?!
YES... GATHERING INFORMATION.
BUT I DIDN'T COME HERE TO PICK A FIGHT.
I WANTED TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT *HIM*...THE ONE THAT THING WAS DOING BATTLE WITH.
!!
I SAW YOU GO AFTER HIM IN THE COURTYARD.
I'M AFRAID I LOST TRACK OF YOU AFTER THAT, BUT I NEED INFORMATION ABOUT HIM.
...YEAH ?
WHAT FOR?

FWISH
I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT.
SKUFF
THEN I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ANYTHING, EITHER!
YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THIS CASE NOW--SO WHY DON'T *YOU* INVESTIGATE TILL YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL.
ONE MIGHT SAY THAT *HE*...
...IS EVEN MORE TERRIFYING AND DANGEROUS THAN *THEM*.
HRR!

MAYBE...
...I'VE RUSHED INTO THIS...
TOK
...
DANGER-OUS, HUH?
TOK
...AND YET...
IT'S TRUE-- FOR ALL I KNOW, HE MIGHT BE EVEN MORE OF A THREAT THAN THAT THING...
WELL...
...I'M SURE HE'S GONE BY NOW, ANYWAY.
THEY MAY LOOK ALIKE...BUT THAT GUY ISN'T MY BROTHER.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIS NAME.

...THAT'S JUST HOW IT GOES.
KREEE
IF I NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN...
YOU!
YOU'RE STILL HERE!

YOU TOLD ME TO STAY.
...
I STILL DON'T KNOW ...
...YOUR NAME.
MINE'S NISHI TATSU-YOSHI.
WHAT'S YOURS?
RIGHT.
YEAH.
THAT'S TRUE.

HAGI.
IT'S HIM...IT'S REALLY HIM.
HAGI...
SAYA'S CHEVALLIER.
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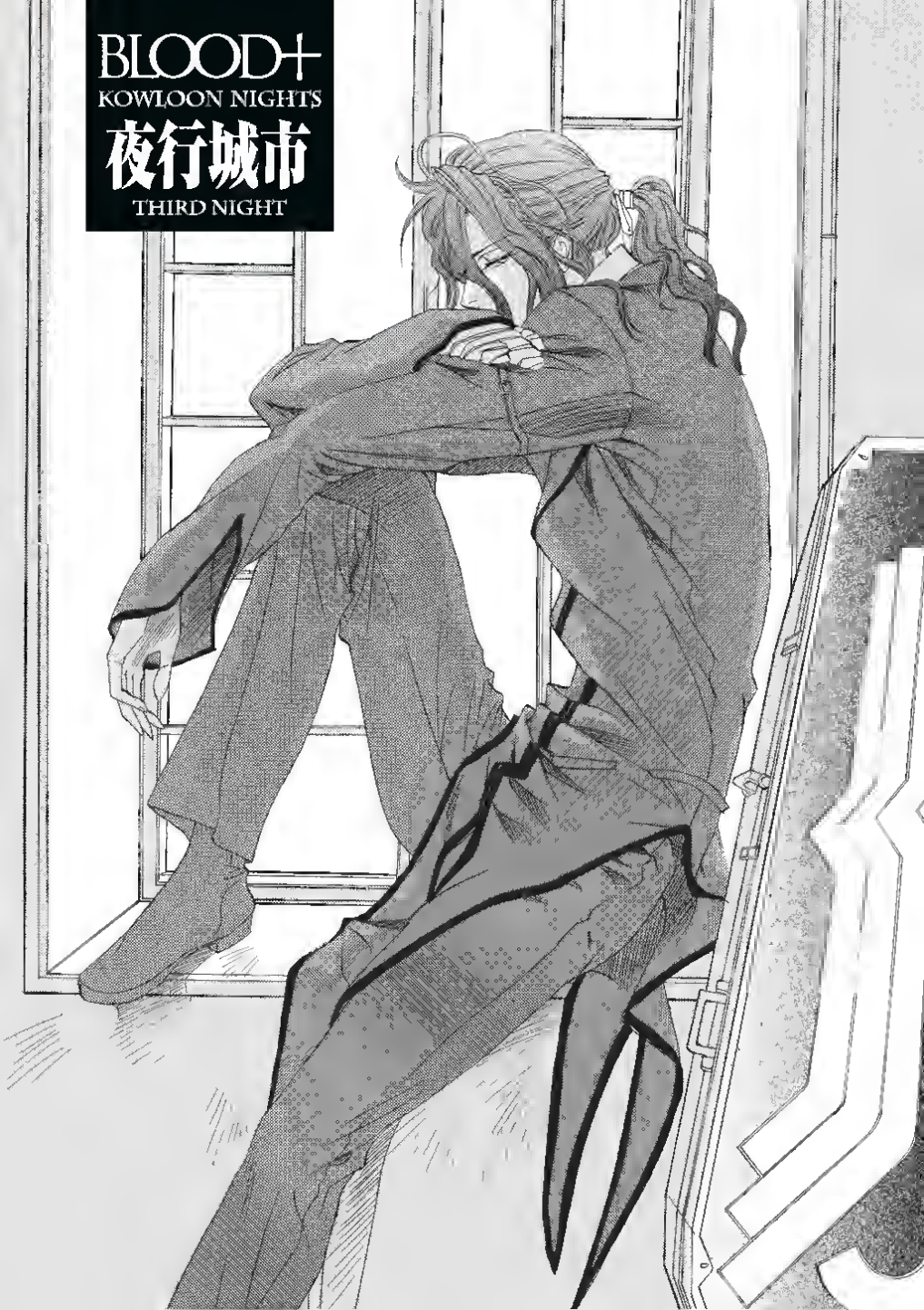
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YES.
I'VE PUT A STOP TO LOCAL POLICE INTER-FERENCE.
YES.
BY THE NAME OF...
... "ISAAC" ...
...THERE'S THE POSSIBILITY THAT ANOTHER PARTY MAY NEED TO BE CONTAINED.
SEND REINFORCE-MENTS, JUST IN CASE.
ONE CHIROPTERAN HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.
SEND IN THE *SPECIAL FORCES* AS PLANNED.
ALSO...
...AND BY THE *RED SHIELD*... I PLEDGE TO CARRY OUT MY MISSION...

...OUR LONGTIME GOAL...
...OF ERADICATING THE CHIROP-TERANS.
KREEE

KCHAK
I'VE GOT TO ACT--OR ELSE!
THERE'S NO TIME TO BE INDECISIVE.
IF THERE'S GOING TO BE ANOTHER KILLING, IT'LL BE TONIGHT.
FOR THE PAST WEEK, THERE'S BEEN A NEW BODY FOUND EVERY TWO DAYS.
IT'S BEEN TWO DAYS SINCE THE LAST BLOOD-LOSS MURDER.
PUNCH!

IF IT REALLY WAS FROM THAT MONSTER, IT ALL FITS TOGETHER.
STILL...
THE ONLY THING IS...FOR HUMAN TISSUE, IT'S AN IMPOSSIBLY RIGID SUBSTANCE-- ALMOST LIKE A MONSTER'S SCAB!
WE'RE PRETTY SURE THAT THIS WAS PART OF SOMEONE'S BODY.
SHFF
PART OF SOMEONE'S BODY, HUH?
PART OF A MONSTER'S BODY?
...IF I HADN'T SEEN THAT THING WITH MY OWN EYES, I'D NEVER BELIEVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD EXIST!
...ONE OF THOSE THINGS KILLED MY BROTHER, TOO?!
DON'T TELL ME...
YOUR BROTHER'S BODY HAD TEETH MARKS, AS IF ATTACKED BY A WILD ANIMAL...
...AND HAD BEEN DRAINED OF BLOOD.
...
A BEAST?
RUSTLE

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, SAI?
TOKK
JOLT
YOU'RE UNUSUALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR WORK, SAI, AND I APPRECIATE THAT.
BUT THIS TIME, YOU'RE PUSHING THE LIMITS.
I DON'T REMEMBER AUTHORIZING YOU TO TAKE OUT ANYTHING BIGGER THAN A *HANDGUN.*
SORRY, BOSS! I HAD TO TELL HIM!
GOING AFTER A SUSPECT AFTER WE'VE LOST JURISDICTION OF THE CASE?! THAT'S CRAZY, MAN!
AND WHAT'S THAT HEAVY GEAR FOR? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE GOING OFF TO STALK A WILD ANIMAL!
.....
BULL'S EYE, CHIEF.

SHKK
EVEN IF I DON'T MAKE IT BACK ALIVE, I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO LEAVE SOME EVIDENCE BEHIND.
GRAB
SAI--
...I CAN'T TELL YOU THE FINER POINTS YET, BUT I SWEAR TO YOU I'LL GET MY HANDS ON SOME ANSWERS.
YOU CAN USE THAT TO SEEK HELP FROM THE MILITARY.
PLEASE, CHIEF.
HFF!
THERE'S NO POINT IN TRYING TO STOP YOU.
...
I'M SORRY.
ALWAYS TRYING TO SHOULDER EVERYTHING ON YOUR OWN.
YOU NEVER CHANGE, DO YOU?
...

ALL RIGHT.
IF YOU'RE THAT DETERMINED, I'LL LOOK THE OTHER WAY.
ONE THING, THOUGH ...
...BE CAREFUL.
I WANT YOU BACK IN ONE PIECE.
YES, SIR!
PLIP

HAGI...
HAGI!

HAGI!
WSHLKK

オオ
GROOOOA
TWITCH
AA
SAYA...
...!
AAGH
WHPP

GROAAAAD
A CHIROPTERAN!
FWHOOSH
FWHOOSH
SKREEE
JUST AS I SUSPECTED!
SO...

...YOU'RE CHASING THAT MONSTER, TOO, HUH?
GET IN.
GROOAH
HEY.
HAGI ...?
KCHOK
BKAM

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU TOLD ME...
...JUST WHO THE HELL YOU ARE?
NO DICE, HUH?
THEN TELL ME ABOUT THAT MONSTER.
WHY WERE YOU CHASING IT?
IT'S A CHIROP-TERAN...
...A BEAST THAT LIVES ON HUMAN BLOOD.
...?!
IT IS MY MISTRESS'S TASK TO HUNT THE CHIROP-TERANS.
I THOUGHT THAT BY PURSUING THEM, I MIGHT FIND HER AGAIN.

GUESS THAT MEANS HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE KILLINGS.
I SEE.
IN THAT CASE...
THAT EXPLAINS WHY HE WAS AT THE SCENE, TOO.
SO THAT'S WHY HE CARRIES THAT SWORD...
TURN
...GOOD LUCK.
I HOPE YOU FIND YOUR MISTRESS SOON.
HAGI?

...
SOME-THING ABOUT YOU...
...REMINDS ME OF A LOST CHILD, AFRAID TO GO HOME.
ANYWAY, YOU CAN CRASH AT MY PLACE UNTIL YOU FIND YOUR LADY.
THERE'S STILL LOTS OF STUFF THAT BELONGED TO MY BROTHER AROUND ...
...SO HELP YOUR-SELF--HE WON'T BE NEEDING IT ANYMORE.
YOUR BROTH-ER?

SOME SORT OF BEAST ATTACKED HIM AND DRAINED OUT ALL OF HIS BLOOD.
HE DIED IN THE GULF WAR.
YOUR CELLO CASE...
KLAK
KCHAKK
AFTER ALL...
I'LL HOLD ONTO IT FOR YOU.
IT'S IMPORTANT, ISN'T IT?

NOW, LET'S GO.
...IF WE'RE GONNA FIGHT THAT THING...
...THE LESS WE'RE CARRYING, THE BETTER.
HAGI? ARE YOU OKAY?
TOKK
.....
TOKK
TOKK

KRAKASSH
SHIT!
AN AMBUSH!
WHISHH
TOKK
STILL FEELING WEAK?
...
I NEED MORE
Hff
DRIP
JOLT
MORE WHAT?
HWOOOSH

WKAMM
HAGI!!
GRAB
LEAP

FOOSH
GROOAA
KOOM
AUGH
DASH
SHIT!
THE ROOF!
HEAVE
FUSH!

POUNCE
FWP
FWP
FWP
FWP
WOBBLE
NNF!
GLARE
WOOSH
HNGHH!
WOBBLE
KOFF
WHMP

BLAM
AAGK!
WMMP
KRNNCH
SPLATTCH
KCHAKK
HAGI!!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
KCHAKK
YOU OKAY?!

...
HAGI?!
...I'M FINE.
...YES ...
Phew!
GOOD.
IN ANY CASE, HE WON'T BE GOING ANYWHERE NOW.
KRITCH
SHFF
GUESS I COULD BLAST HIM WITH SOME TRANQ BULLETS JUST TO BE SAFE...
AAH!

NISHI!!
WHA--
FWOOSH

GRAA
BKAMM
AAUU
AAUGH!
KCHING

BKAMM
BKAMM
BKAMM
BKAMM
SKRFF
DART
HAGI!!

WSHUKK
KRA--
KTINNK

HWOOO
...
ISAAC ...?
KOOM
WOOO
DIDN'T I TELL YOU...
...TO STAY OUT OF THIS IF YOU DIDN'T WANT TO DIE?
YOU HAVE TO FINISH THEM OFF *PROPERLY* OR THEY REGENERATE FASTER THAN YOU KNOW IT.

AT LEAST I'VE MANAGED TO CONFIRM ONE THING.
THE "SERVANT OF SAYA" MENTIONED IN JOEL'S DIARY...?
KNEEL
YOU SCREWED UP MY PLAN. NOT THAT IT MATTERS NOW.
I'M NOT EVEN SURE THAT BLAST DID THE TRICK.
THAT'S *YOU*, HAGI.
--I'VE BEEN SEEKING.
HAGI. YOU'RE THE ONE--
KNEEL

THE ONE BEING CAPABLE OF AWAKENING SAYA...OUR ONLY VIABLE WEAPON AGAINST THE CHIROPTERAN THREAT.
SAYA'S *CHEVALIER!*
...
WHAT THE--?!

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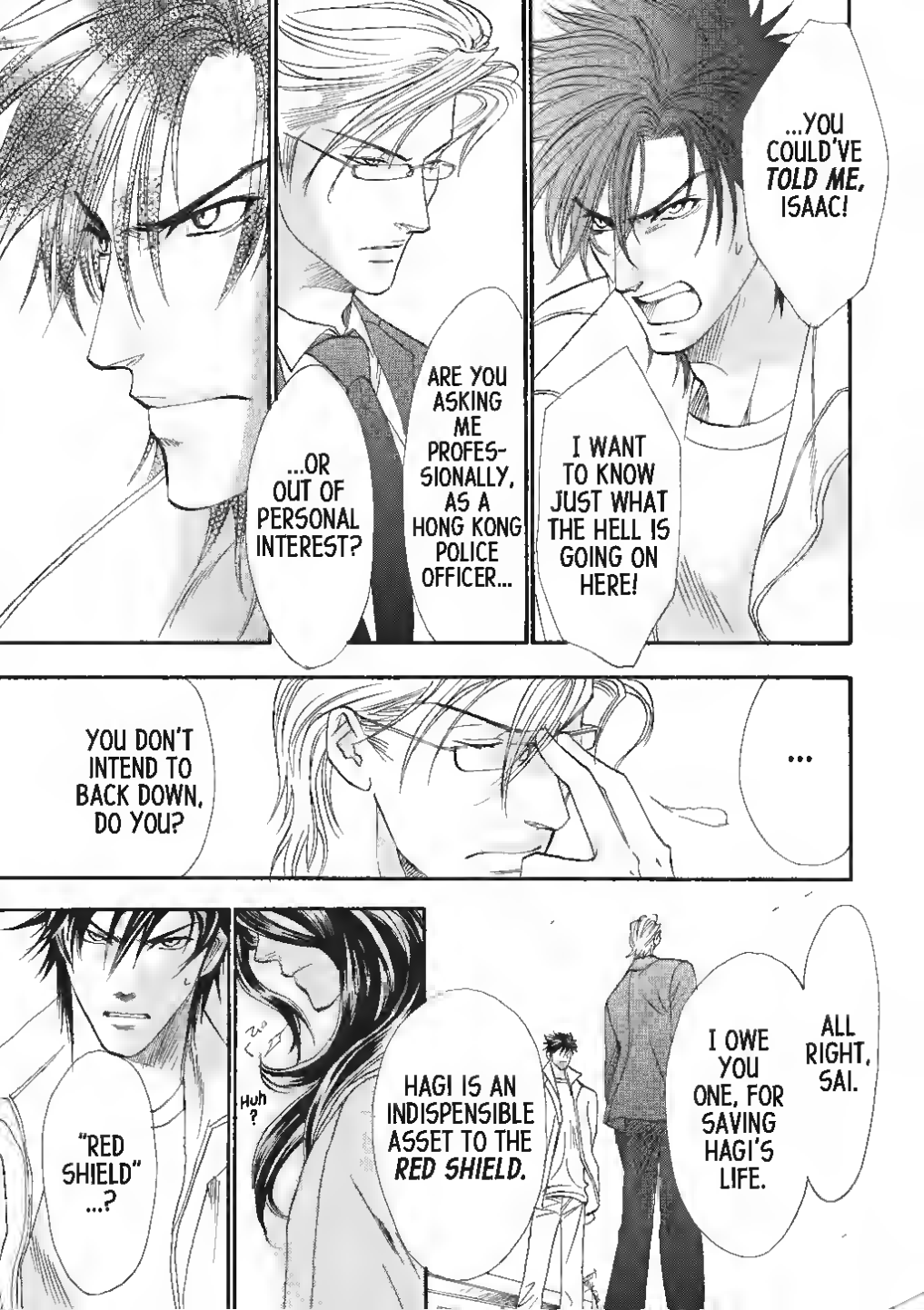
YOUR ONLY VIABLE WEAPON AGAINST THESE THINGS IS CALLED "SAYA"...?
HAGI'S HER "CHEVALIER" ...?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
HWOOSH

YOU AREN'T WELL, ARE YOU?
...
IKTOKK
THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBLE EXPLANATION.
HAGI...
I'M SHOCKED AT HOW MUCH STRENGTH YOU'VE LOST.
IF SAYA'S LEGENDARY CHEVALIER CAN BARELY HOLD HIS OWN AGAINST AN ORDINARY CHIROPTERAN, THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING WRONG.
...WHEN DID YOU STOP DRINKING BLOOD?

EVEN WITH IMMORTAL LIFE AND SUPERHUMAN PHYSICAL ABILITIES...
...YOU NEED HUMAN BLOOD TO FUNCTION PROPERLY.
?!
AFTER ALL, DESPITE YOUR DIFFERENCES...
...YOU'RE A CHIROPTERAN, TOO.

NO!
...IS EVEN MORE TERRIFYING AND DANGEROUS THAN THEM.
ONE MIGHT SAY THAT HE...
IT CAN'T BE!!
Hff ...
I NEED... MORE...
LUB-DUB
WHAT ?!
HAGI...
...IS A CHIROPTERAN... LIKE THAT MONSTER?!

Hmf!
...
WELL...
NOW THAT'S CLUELESS!
PALLING AROUND WITH A CHIROPTERAN... AND YOU HAD NO IDEA, DID YOU?
...


...YOU COULD'VE *TOLD ME,* ISAAC!
I WANT TO KNOW JUST WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE!
ARE YOU ASKING ME PROFES-SIONALLY, AS A HONG KONG POLICE OFFICER...
...OR OUT OF PERSONAL INTEREST?
...
YOU DON'T INTEND TO BACK DOWN, DO YOU?
ALL RIGHT, SAI.
I OWE YOU ONE, FOR SAVING HAGI'S LIFE.
HAGI IS AN INDISPENSIBLE ASSET TO THE *RED SHIELD.*
Huh?
"RED SHIELD" ...?

OUR PURPOSE IS TO HUNT DOWN THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED--IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER--INTO THE MONSTERS CALLED CHIROPTERANS.
THE ORGANIZATION I SERVE.
THE ONLY THING CAPABLE OF ENDING THEIR LIVES IS THE BLOOD OF A GIRL KNOWN AS SAYA.
CHIROPTERANS NEITHER AGE NOR DIE, AND IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO KILL THEM USING CONVENTIONAL METHODS.
DURING HIBERNATION, THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CORRECTLY BRING HER BACK TO AN AWAKENED STATE IS HER CHEVALIER.
UNFORTUNATELY, HER HANDLING ENTAILS FURTHER CHALLENGES.
FOR THIS REASON, THE TASK OF RIDDING THE WORLD OF CHIROPTERANS FALLS UPON SAYA.
!!

THAT'S WHY WE NEED HAGI...
...EVEN IF HE IS A CHIROPTERAN.
...
WAIT.
IF SAYA HAS TO WIPE OUT ALL CHIROP-TERANS...
...NOT ONLY HAS TO KILL HIS OWN KIND... ULTIMATELY, HE HAS TO DESTROY HIMSELF, TOO...?!
...THAT MEANS HAGI, HER FOLLOWER...
THEY'RE BOTH MERELY *WEAPONS* THAT THE HUMAN RACE MUST WIELD.
THAT CAN'T BE HELPED.

RRR!
TOKK
HAGI.
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE SAYA IS, DON'T YOU?
THAT INFORMATION IS HIGHLY CLASSIFIED, BUT IF YOU COME WITH ME, I PROMISE TO REVEAL IT TO YOU...IN TIME.
Hm?
WHILE I *CANNOT* PROMISE YOUR FREEDOM...
...YOU WON'T BE UNCOMFORT-ABLE.
...
WAIT!
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO WITH HAGI?
THAT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS.

--AND PUTTING HIM IN A CAGE WITH A COLLAR AROUND HIS NECK!
I'M TAKING CUSTODY OF HIM--
A MONSTER?
ESSENTIALLY, HE'S A BLOODSUCKING MONSTER.
HE CAN'T LIVE THE WAY WE PEOPLE DO.
OTHER-WISE, HAGI WILL EVENTUALLY EXPERIENCE THE URGE TO *FEED*.
WHAT?!

HE LOOKS SO TROUBLED. THE IDEA OF LETTING SOMEONE LOCK HIM IN A CAGE...
BUT THEN AGAIN...
PUP
RIGHT.
HE'S A CHIROPTERAN, SO THAT'S HOW IT HAS TO BE.
IN OTHER WORDS, AT ANY MOMENT, HAGI MIGHT KILL SOMEONE...
...THE SAME WAY MY BROTHER AND THAT OTHER VICTIM WERE KILLED.
...IF HE KILLS SOMEONE...
I...
FWOOSHH!!!

TREMBLE
ガクガク
BREEP
I'M SURE ...
...MY BOSS WILL BE PLEASED!
...I'M TAKING YOU INTO RED SHIELD CUSTODY.
IN ANY CASE, HAGI...
HH!
...
HH!
WHOOO
KAMM
?!

HNF!
WHAT THE--?!
HWOOOSH
SLASH

HAGI!!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
MY, MY!
THANK YOU FOR A MOST EDIFYING EXPLANA-TION!
YOU...
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.
I'M *WONG SAU MON*, LEADER OF THE WONG FAMILY.

THE WONG CLAN CRIME BOSS!!
WHAT'RE *YOU* DOING HERE?!
I WAS JUST STOPPING BY OUR FEEDING GROUNDS TO OBSERVE THE SUCCESS OF A NEW DRUG...
...BUT THIS IS QUITE AN UNEXPECTED *BONUS!*
A BEING CAPABLE OF DEFEATING AN IMMORTAL, FULLY TRANSFORMED SPECIMEN-- QUITE A SURPRISE!
AREN'T THEY PEDDLING SOME DRUG THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MAKE YOU IMMORTAL?
NEW DRUG...
DON'T--
DON'T TELL ME...
YOU CREATED THAT MON-STROSITY ?!

SPLCH
LUB-DUB
LUB-DUB
LUB-DUB
GRAB
BINGO.
UNFOR-TUNATELY, I'M AFRAID IT'S A DUD, THOUGH.
IN OTHER WORDS...
...THE EXACT SPECIMEN YOU SEE HERE.
OUR TRUE GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE A BEING THAT IS IMMORTAL AND INVINCIBLE WHILE MAINTAINING ITS HUMAN FORM.

MAGNIFI-
CENT!
CLAP

KCHAK
AND NOW, MY FRIENDS ...
...DANCE FOR ME!
SUCH IS THE POWER OF THE ULTIMATE STRAIN!
WHEN THE WONG FAMILY OBTAINS THAT POWER, WE OBTAIN ETERNAL GLORY AND PROSPERITY!
IN HONOR OF MY SPECTACULAR FUTURE!
GRRRRO
AAAAAR
BKAAHH

!!
ANOTHER CHIROP-TERAN?!
BLUPP
GRAA!
SKASH
BLAM
HNNG!
KNNCH
KRNCH!
BLAM

WRRUNCH
FWHOOSH
!
SHUKK
SLITCH

HAGIIII!!
INCREDI-BLE!
...
SPLAT
HUH?
DASH
HAGI'S PROTECTING SOMEONE OTHER THAN SAYA?!

WMMP
WAIT!
HA--
DRAG
KOFF
SHIT!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TAKING HIM?!
DRAG
EE-OO
EE-OO
EE-OO
EE-OO
WELL...
...WE'VE GOT COMPANY.

EE-OO
LET'S GO.
EE-OO
I'D LOVE TO FINISH YOU OFF...
...BUT RIGHT NOW, MY PRIORITY IS *RAW MATERIALS*.
BEFORE HE WAKES UP...
...WE HAVE MUCH TO ACCOMPLISH.
EE-OO
EE-OO
KTIK

OH!
YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE!
WHERE ...?
POLICE HOSPITAL.
THAT KID *DO LEONG* CALLED MY CELL AND SAID TO COME RIGHT AWAY.
BOY, YOU WERE PRETTY MESSED UP WHEN WE FOUND YOU!
DO LEONG, HUH?

HEY!
YOU LISTENING TO ME, SAI?
HIM!
CLENCH
I COULDN'T QUITE REACH...
...HAGI'S ...
I KNEW IT...THEY TOOK HAGI WITH THEM!
HUH?
NO, JUST THE TWO OF YOU... WHY?
What's going on?
TSOU!
YOU DIDN'T FIND ANYONE ELSE AT THE SITE?

YES.
IT'S ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO KILL OTHER PEOPLE.
...HE NEEDED TO DRINK BLOOD TO SURVIVE, HE WAS REPRESSING THAT NEED.
AND HE SAVED MY LIFE TWICE!
CAN I REALLY CALL HIM A MONSTER?
IF KILLING PEOPLE IS WHAT MAKES SOMEONE A MONSTER, ISN'T WONG SAU MON THE TRUE MONSTER?
ESSENTIALLY, HE'S A BLOODSUCKING MONSTER.
EVEN THOUGH ...

I OWE YOU, TSOU.
SLAM
SKFF
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO THIS TIME!
NOW SIT TIGHT LIKE A GOOD BOY!
I'M GOING TO MAKE A FULL REPORT TO THE CHIEF, GOT THAT?
YOU NEVER TELL ANYONE WHAT'S GOING ON!
RUSTLE
HKK!
SHFF
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
I'M GOING TO SAVE HAGI.
...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
SHWFF

IN YOUR CONDITION? DON'T BE A FOOL!
YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR THEM!
REINFORCE-MENTS WILL BE HERE IN TWO DAYS.
TO TURN THINGS AROUND, WE HAVE TO CHOOSE OUR MOMENT!
...
I'VE HESITATED BEFORE ACTING IN THE PAST.
SAI...?
WHEN MY BROTHER CAME TO ME AND TOLD ME HE WAS GOING TO THE GULF AS A MILITARY CHAPLAIN, I COULDN'T STOP HIM... BUT I COULDN'T WISH HIM WELL, EITHER.
THEN HE WAS BRUTALLY KILLED BY SOME VICIOUS, BLOOD-DRINKING BEAST.
NOW ALL I HAVE ARE MY REGRETS.
I SEE.
YOUR BROTHER WAS KILLED BY A CHIROPTERAN.
BUT WHY DO YOU WANT TO RESCUE HAGI?

HE'S A CHIROPTERAN, TOO!
JUST LIKE THE MONSTERS YOU HATE!
NO.
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS MONSTERS.
ONLY PEOPLE WHO KILL...AND PEOPLE WHO DON'T.
HMPH!
YOU'RE CALLING HAGI A *PERSON?*
YES!
PEOPLE ALWAYS WIND UP KILLING OTHER PEOPLE...
...BUT IT'S ALSO PEOPLE WHO *PROTECT* OTHER PEOPLE!
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO SAVE HIM.
MY MIND'S MADE UP.
PROTECTING PEOPLE IS MY JOB.

...
"PRO-TECTING," HUH?
...
FWISH
SUCH SOPHISTRY.
I MEAN TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL, EVEN IF I DIE IN THE PROCESS!
IF YOUR JOB IS TO PROTECT PEOPLE, MY JOB IS TO ERADICATE CHIROPTERANS!

LIKE IT OR NOT...
...I'M PREPARED TO ACCEPT YOUR HELP IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES.
NOW...
GRAA
LET US BEGIN!

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SPLAT
SPLIT
THIS IS TOP-NOTCH... VINTAGE FROM VIETNAM. IMPORTED THROUGH EXTREMELY CLANDESTINE CHANNELS.
PERHAPS YOU KNOW IT, MR. HAGI?
PKK

THIS "MEDICINE" ENDOWS HUMAN BEINGS WITH SUPER-NATURAL POWERS!
UN-FORTUNATELY, TOO MUCH OF THIS INCREDIBLE DRUG WILL TRANSFORM ITS TAKER INTO A HIDEOUS MONSTER!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK?
I THINK IT WAS FORMULATED USING AN ESSENCE DERIVED FROM A CHIROPTERAN-- FROM THE ORIGINAL STRAIN!
SWSH!
BLOCK!
!!

THANKS TO YOU...
...I ANTICIPATE A MAJOR LEAP FORWARD IN OUR RESEARCH!
THE BLOOD OF YOUR OWN KIND POISONS YOU.
YOU TRULY POSSESS A FASCINATING CONSTITUTION!
HRRG!
YANK
MMF!
Hahh!
BUT FOR YOU--WHOM I JUDGE TO BE VERY CLOSE TO THE ORIGINAL STRAIN...
...THIS SHOULD HAVE TOXIC EFFECTS!

AAH!
HAGI...
Hrr!
SHRIIICH
PROMISE ME, HAGI!
WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER...
...WHEN THE FIGHTING IS FINISHED...

WHPP
LICK
THE NIGHT IS STILL YOUNG.
...
VERY WELL...
WE'LL TAKE OUR RESEARCH NICE AND EASY.
NIIICE AND EASY!
YOW!
WHAT THE HELL, MAN?! LEMME GO!
DO LEONG!
YOU CALLED THE COPS AT KOWLOON WALLED CITY, DIDN'T YOU?
JOLT

WILLING TO BETRAY ME JUST TO SAVE THAT COP, EH?
YOU'VE BEEN A NAUGHTY BOY!
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO PUNISH YOU!
AIIEE! OW!
N-NO!
BRRUMB
KA-KOOM
KHRRR
KHRRR
WELL, WELL...
SWSH

...IT SEEMS WE HAVE COMPANY.
A BOMB?!
PUT OUT THE FLAMES! WE DON'T WANT A BIG COMMO-TION!
WHISH!
SPARK
GRRR
!!

DASH
HRAAH!
OUR WEAPONS CAN ONLY BUY US TIME.
IF WE FIND HAGI AND GET HIM BACK IN ACTION, WE HAVE A SHOT.
OF COURSE ...
...THAT'S IF HE COOPERATES AND DRINKS THE BLOOD HE NEEDS.
ISAAC, FOR HAGI TO BE ABLE TO FUNCTION PROPERLY...
...HOW MUCH BLOOD DOES HE NEED?
NOT THAT MUCH, REALLY.
ABOUT AS MUCH AS THEY TAKE WHEN YOU GIVE BLOOD.

Hff!
IN THAT CASE...
...EVEN IF HAGI DRINKS BLOOD, HE DOESN'T HAVE TO KILL THE PERSON, RIGHT?
...
IF HE KEEPS HIS HEAD, YES.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
A CHIROPTERAN'S THIRST FOR BLOOD IS MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN A PERSON'S HUNGER FOR FOOD.
ON THE FRONT, I'VE SEEN CHIROPTERANS WHO GO BERSERK, STILL STARVED FOR BLOOD AFTER DRAINING A FULL VICTIM TO DEATH.
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT IT WON'T HAPPEN TO HAGI.
CHK
HERE THEY COME.

KTOKK
KTOKK
THE CHIROPTERAN JERKS FROM THE OTHER DAY.
HAGI MUST BE NEARBY.
FWSHH
BAM
SWSHAAA
LEAP

SPARK
HNGG
SKFF
DODGE
!!
FWSH
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
TMP
SHFF
HRG!
BLAM

SHAKK
NNG!
ISAAC!
SHLUKK
FWSH
ARE YOU OKAY?!
HWOOSH
LET'S GO!
JUST FINE.

VVKAHM
KCHAKK
FREEZE!
GREET-
INGS,
OFFICER!
YOU'VE
THOUGHT
THIS
THROUGH,
HAVEN'T
YOU?
GLARE
AH...
ANIKI!

I'LL COVER YOU.
GET HAGI. QUICK!
I'M SORRY, SAI ANIKI!
I'M SORRY!
OH!
DO LEONG! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
FOOSH
...YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO, WONG SAU MON.
WHEN THIS IS OVER...
KICHK
DO LEONG!
STAND BACK!
SHK

BKAM
BKAM
...
HAGI...
TOK
TOK

CHOKK
KTAHNG
DID YOU THINK...
...I WAS STILL AN ORDINARY HUMAN BEING?

AAH!!
KCHAKK
!!
RATTA
RATTA
RATTA
RATTA
ANIKI!!
WKAMM
LET'S GO!
MOVE!!
SLAM

Hff!
Hff!
GRAGH
Hff!
Hff!
THIS IS BAD.
THOSE CHIROPTERANS ARE REVIVING.
Hff!
Hff!
TH-THIS WAY!
WE CAN GO OUT INTO THE COURTYARD AND ESCAPE OVER THE FENCE!
WOOSH!
WOOSH!

Hff!
Hff!
Hff!
GRAAA
AAAA
GUH
WE CAN'T GET HAGI OVER THAT WALL IN HIS STATE.
Hff!
Hff!
WE DON'T HAVE LONG.
THEY'LL SNIFF US OUT AND KILL US.
DO LEONG!
YOU CAN GET OVER, CAN'T YOU?
?!

B-BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS, ANIKI?
GO!! NOW!!
I WON'T HAVE YOU...
...DYING LIKE THIS!
NNF!
CLENCH
I'LL...
I SWEAR I WILL!
...I'LL GET HELP!
FWMMP
STROKE

...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
CHOKK
I'LL BUY US SOME TIME--
--WHILE YOU GIVE HAGI BLOOD.
GRAAA
TAKE CARE OF HAGI...
...OKAY?
GRAB

ALWAYS PURSUE THE COURSE OF ACTION THAT OFFERS THE BEST ODDS!
RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOT BETTER MOBILITY. BESIDES...
...YOU'LL PROBABLY HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF AWAKENING HAGI.
KOFF!
IN YOUR CONDITION? WHAT WE NEED NOW ISN'T *BRAVADO!*
SLAM
?!
HAGI?
YOU HEAR ME, DON'T YOU?
THERE'S NO TIME.
SHFF
...
ISAAC ...?

HAGI!
SAYA IS IN JAPAN.
!
YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP GOING.
YOUR WORK...
...AWAITS YOU.
SWISH

SLAM
Huff!
.....
DAMN!
GRAAA
GUH
DRIP
HAGI...
...I'VE ALREADY LOST A FAIR BIT, BUT...
...GO AHEAD. DRINK MY BLOOD.

HAGI...
...WHY'D YOU STOP DRINKING BLOOD?
DRIP
STARE
NO.
HWSH
...
I'M... SCARED.

WHAT?
MANY YEARS AGO...
...I DID SOMETHING A SERVANT MUST NEVER DO. IT WAS THEN THAT I *LOST* MY MISTRESS.
THOUGH IT HAPPENED JUST *ONCE*...
...I FLED MY MISTRESS IN FEAR. NOW I'M NOT FIT TO CALL MYSELF A CHEVALIER!
YOU MEAN...
...YOU'RE AFRAID YOU MIGHT GO *BERSERK* AND KILL PEOPLE, LIKE THE OTHER CHIROPTERANS?
THAT'S WHY.
WITHOUT MY MISTRESS ...
...I'M NOTHING BUT A MONSTER.

EVEN THOUGH I HAVE A PROMISE TO FULFILL...
...I COULDN'T FOLLOW HER.
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.
SOME-TIMES...
...I'M UNABLE TO REPRESS THE URGE TO DRINK BLOOD.
NOW I DON'T KNOW...
...HOW...
...I CAN TRUST MYSELF AGAIN.
YOU'RE...
...JUST LIKE ME.

WE LOST OUR PARENTS WHEN WE WERE SMALL, AND IT WAS ALWAYS JUST THE TWO OF US.
I WAS SO DEPENDENT ON HIM... I COULDN'T ACCEPT THAT HE HAD HIS OWN VALUES.
I JUST...
...COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHERE HE WAS COMING FROM.
I TOLD YOU I HAD A BROTHER, RIGHT?
WHEN HE TOLD ME HE WAS GOING TO THE GULF AS A MILITARY CHAPLAIN, I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO HOLD HIM BACK...BUT I COULDN'T GIVE HIM A PROPER SENDOFF, EITHER.
BUT WHEN I LOST HIM...
...THAT WAS WHEN I FINALLY UNDER-STOOD.
I WAS *AFRAID.*
AFRAID TO ACCEPT THAT WE WERE *DIFFERENT PEOPLE.*

NOW, NO MATTER HOW BADLY I WANT TO UNDERSTAND HIM, HE'S GONE.
BUT...
IF ONLY I'D TALKED THINGS OVER WITH HIM PROPERLY!
I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH I REGRET MY OWN INDECISION.
...YOUR MISTRESS IS STILL ALIVE, RIGHT?
THAT MEANS...
YOU SAY YOU'RE NOT FIT TO CALL YOURSELF A SERVANT, BUT YOU CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR HER, KEEPING HER WEAPON SAFE FOR HER AT ALL TIMES!

DON'T RUN AWAY, HAGI!
...EVEN IF YOU'RE AFRAID...
BUT...
...I...
...YOUR *DESIRE* TO FIND HER TRUMPS THAT FEAR, RIGHT?
YOU'RE NO MONSTER!
NOW...
YOU MAY NOT TRUST YOURSELF, BUT *I* TRUST YOU!

...ACCEPT IT.
ALL OF IT!
PLIP
LUB-DUB
LUB-DUB
SWOON
LUB-DUB

GRAAAUUGH
MY WORD!
THAT MAN... THE BOTH OF YOU... WHAT A TROUBLE-SOME LOT YOU'VE BEEN!
SHUK
SWSH
TORR
BUT IT'S ALL BEEN FOR NAUGHT, I'M AFRAID.
GRAAA
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LEFT.
SHK
AND A MERE *HUMAN*...

...IS NO MATCH FOR US!
?!
LUB-DUB
GRRR!
GRAAGH!
RAA!
WHAT?!

THIS... TERROR?!
SHLIIIK
M-MY... BODY!!
GRAAGH!
...
HA... GI...
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT SOUND?!
GRAGH
GRAGH
UOOH!

WELL...
...I SEE YOU CAN...
...ACTUALLY SMILE...
AND THEN...

...IT WAS ALL OVER.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, HAGI WASN'T FOUND, EITHER.
WHEN THE FLAMES SUBSIDED, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF CHIROPTERAN REMAINS...NOR THE REMAINS OF ISAAC'S BODY.
BY THE TIME THE POLICE ARRIVED, THE ENTIRE WONG FAMILY COMPOUND HAD BEEN TORCHED.
DO LEONG CALLED THE POLICE, AND THEY CAME FOR ME. MY INJURIES WERE BAD, BUT NOT LETHAL.
YOU IDIOT, SAI!
OH, MY GOD--I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!

SAI ANIKI!
I HAD TO WRITE A LETTER OF APOLOGY A MILE LONG, BUT I MANAGED TO KEEP MY JOB.
EVERY LAST SHRED OF EVIDENCE WAS INCINERATED, AS IF INTENTIONALLY DESTROYED BY A TEAM OF PROS.
THE WHOLE STRING OF INCIDENTS, INCLUDING THE BLOOD-LOSS MURDERS, HAD TO BE SHELVED AS AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
HA! IF IT ISN'T MR. HAPPY-GO-LUCKY!
WHO DO YOU THINK GOT YOU OFF THE HOOK?
I'M MAKING GOOD ON IT, I SWEAR! I GOT AN HONEST JOB!
WAIT A SEC... ANIKI?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO YELL AT ME FOR CALLING YOU SAI ANIKI?
HUH?
NAH... I FINALLY REALIZED THAT I'M STILL ME NO MATTER WHAT PEOPLE CALL ME.
STILL...
...I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER FORGET.
IT'S ABOUT TIME...
...I GO HOME TO JAPAN TO VISIT MY BROTHER'S GRAVE.
HIS GRAVE?

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
UNDER THE SAME SKY.
I'VE GOT A LOT I WANT TO TELL HIM.
I KNOW HE'S STILL OUT THERE.

Afterword

You made it to the end!
My name is Hirotaka Kisaragi, and it's a pleasure to meet you.

I've finally completed my work on *Blood+ Kowloon Nights* and sent it off without mishap. After being selected to create a supplemental manga story for the *Blood+* anime series, I got to experience a lot of new things, and the entire experience was a lot of fun.

I want to thank everyone who helped me, everyone who supported me, and everyone who will read this book!

Thank you!!
—Hirotaka Kisaragi

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OMATSU: The way Hagi is depicted is really cool. I really like his face in the scene at the end of "First Night," where he looks back just before collapsing.

OCHIKOSHI: Yes—even though in the TV series, Hagi's pretty much always getting stabbed. (*Laughs*) In *Kowloon Nights*, he gets to play a more active, cooler role. But my favorite part of *Kowloon Nights* is the Chiropteran element! Mr. Kisaragi's action scenes and depictions of Chiropterans are extremely solid. And the character designs are awesome. Those portrayals are really an important element of *Blood+*.

OMATSU: Reading it over again, it strikes me as more of a boys' comic. It follows a certain pattern—what I guess you'd call a "buddy theme." I like the partnership between Nishi and Isaac at the end; they have different perspectives, but they work together to achieve their ultimate goal.

OCHIKOSHI: Yes—that part! I bet after that, Nishi joins the Red Shield! I want Nishi to read Joel's diary. And it would be fun to see his reaction to "The Zoo," the twenty-second episode of the television series. *(Laughs)*

OMATSU: Show him another side of Hagi! *(Laughs)*

OCHIKOSHI: He'd be shocked at the part where Hagi says, "I'll do whatever you want—day or night." *(Laughs)* Yes, I'd love to see Nishi join the Red Shield!

"Yes, I'd love to see Nishi join the Red Shield!"

OMATSU: I think the character Isaac, of the Red Shield, is very interesting. He has ideals of his own that led him to join the Red Shield, and he lives according to his own principles. He comes off as cool, but I think he's got a passionate core underneath. Isaac doesn't tell us much about himself, and I was curious to find out more.

OCHIKOSHI: But Isaac's pretty hard on Hagi—on par with Collins (second in command of the Red Shield who appears in the television series). *(Laughs)* David, in the series, has a much more tentative stance towards Hagi at the beginning.

OMATSU: In fact, this manga is the only work that addresses how Hagi feeds—in the anime, we deliberately avoid the topic. This volume and the other manga volumes really capture the framework and sensibilities of the world depicted in the anime, while illustrating things that we would have liked to depict but were never able to—such as Hagi's internal conflict and his deep feelings towards Saya. I think this work enables readers to deepen their understanding of the character of Hagi while enjoying the story.

OCHIKOSHI: I really hope everyone will read not just Mr. Kisaragi's work, but all three manga spinoff series that tell more of the *Blood+* story, including the two that revolve around Saya. In doing so, I think readers will develop a new perspective on the *Blood+* cosmos.

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